

The proposed changes in manufacturing standards of commercially-produced amateur radio equipment to improve EMP immunity and to enable "field repairs", would be harmful to both licensed amateur radio operators and the manufacturers of such equipment, alike.

These changes would drive the cost of such amateur equipment beyond the reach of many buyers and place a potentially insurmountable obstacle between potential new amateur licensees and their ability to operate amateur radio. Further, such a proposal would result in greatly-increased costs of service parts and restrict beneficial manufacturer improvements in equipment design. These changes would serve no beneficial purpose to the amateur community at large, in fact only benefiting a very small percentage of amateurs at the expense of the greater majority. I respectfully request that the Commission DENY the proposal to implement such changes.